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FOLLOWING REPEATS DUBLIN 672 ACTION DEPT APRIL 15TH

QUOTE

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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER RYAN'S CONSULTATIONS WITH SECRETARY SIMON

REF: DUBLIN 544

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOURCE
THAT IRISH FINANCE MINISTER RITCHIE RYAN, ACTING ON BEHALF OF EC,
HAS SENT LETTER TO TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON REGARDING PROPOSED
US/EC CONSULTATIONS ON CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION. LETTER IS DATED
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APRIL 10 AND TEXT WAS SENT BY TELEGRAM TO IRISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON

ON APRIL 14.

2. IN LETTER RYAN REFERS TO HIS APRIL 9 MEETING WITH SECRETARY SIMON IN PARIS AND THANKS SECRETARY FOR HIS INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO MEET AND DISCUSS CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN INFORMAL AND CONFIDENTIAL MANNER. RYAN THEN SUGGESTS THAT THEY MEET IN WASHINGTON ANY TIME DURING WEEK BEGINNING MAY 4. (RYAN UNDERSTANDS THAT SECRETARY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE FREE BEFORE THAT TIME.).

3. OUR SOURCE STATED THAT TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING ARE NOT SPELLED OUT IN RYAN'S LETTER AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INFLUENCED BY DECISIONS TAKEN AT APRIL 14 MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS.

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